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consistency properties.

10. (New) The composition of claim 9 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles have a mean diameter of from about 50 to 150 nm.

11. (New) The composition of claim 9 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles are coated with a compound selected from the group consisting of a protective colloid, an emulsifier, and mixtures thereof.

12. (New) The composition of claim 9 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles are present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.1 to 5% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

13. (New) The composition of claim 9 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles are present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.5 to 3% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

14. (New) The composition of claim 9 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles are present in the composition in an amount of from about 1 to 2% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

15. (New) A process for enhancing the stability, opacity and consistency of a cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition comprising adding metal soap nanoparticles having a mean diameter of from about 10 to 300 nm to the composition.

16. (New) The process of claim 15 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles have a mean diameter of from about 50 to 150 nm.

17. (New) The process of claim 15 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles are coated with a compound selected from the group consisting of a protective colloid, an emulsifier, and mixtures thereof.

18. (New) The process of claim 15 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles are added to the composition in an amount of from about 0.1 to 5% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

19. (New) The process of claim 15 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles are added to the composition in an amount of from about 0.5 to 3% by weight, based on the weight

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of the composition.

20. (New) The process of claim 15 wherein the metal soap nanoparticles are added to the composition in an amount of from about 1 to 2% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.